

## **IC 4-23-7.2**

### **Chapter 7.2. Historical Bureau**

#### **IC 4-23-7.2-1**

##### **Definitions**

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter:

(1) "Agency" means any state administration, agency, authority, board, bureau, commission, committee, council, department, division, institution, office, service, or other similar body of state government.

(2) "Board" means the Indiana library and historical board established by IC 4-23-7-2.

(3) "Department" means the Indiana library and historical department established by IC 4-23-7-1.

(4) "Director" means director of the Indiana historical bureau.

(5) "Historical bureau" means the Indiana historical bureau established by IC 4-23-7-3.

(6) "Library" means the Indiana state library established by IC 4-23-7-3.

*As added by Acts 1981, P.L.40, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 4-23-7.2-2**

##### **Duties and functions**

Sec. 2. (a) It is the duty of the historical bureau to edit and publish documentary and other material relating to the history of the state of Indiana and to promote the study of Indiana history.

(b) As appropriate, the historical bureau shall work with the Indiana historical society, the county historical societies, and any other person, agency, or organization concerned with Indiana history.

*As added by Acts 1981, P.L.40, SEC.8. Amended by P.L.25-1990, SEC.2.*

#### **IC 4-23-7.2-3**

##### **Statistical or informational materials; publication; expenses**

Sec. 3. The historical bureau may compile and publish digests, reports and bulletins of purely informational or statistical character on any question which the board may deem to be of interest or value to the people of the state. Any expenses which may be incurred in the publication of any such digest, report or bulletin shall be defrayed out of the funds which may be appropriated for the use of the department or the historical bureau.

*As added by Acts 1981, P.L.40, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 4-23-7.2-4**

##### **Cooperation with educational or other institutions, organizations, or individuals**

Sec. 4. The historical bureau may cooperate with any of the educational institutions of the state or other institutions, organizations or individuals for the purpose of meeting its responsibilities in any manner and to any extent which may be approved by the board.

*As added by Acts 1981, P.L.40, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 4-23-7.2-5**

##### **Publication of source and other historical materials; expenses; printing**

Sec. 5. All expenses incurred in the preparation, compilation, printing, binding and publication of the volumes of source and other historical material issued by the historical bureau shall be defrayed out of funds at the disposal of the bureau which may be appropriated by law for that purpose, and shall be printed by the commission on public records, and under the terms of any contract which the state may have executed and entered into for public printing, and under the direction and supervision of the historical bureau.

*As added by Acts 1981, P.L.40, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 4-23-7.2-6**

##### **Copies of publications; furnishing to public libraries and others free; sale**

Sec. 6. One (1) copy of each publication issued by the historical bureau shall be furnished to each public library in the state, and the board may furnish copies free of charge to such other persons, institutions or departments as in its judgment may be entitled thereto. The copies so remaining shall be sold by the bureau at a price which shall be fixed by the board.

*As added by Acts 1981, P.L.40, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 4-23-7.2-7**

##### **Publications and educational fund; establishment; use; deposits**

Sec. 7. (a) The historical bureau publications and educational fund is established as a dedicated fund to be administered by the historical bureau. The monies in the fund may be expended by the director of the historical bureau exclusively for the publication of historical documents and other material to promote the study of Indiana history, and to inform the people of Indiana concerning the history of their state.

(b) The proceeds from the sale of items as directed by law or by the director of the historical bureau, from gifts of money or the proceeds from the sale of gifts donated to the fund, and from investment earnings from any portion of the fund, shall be deposited in the historical bureau publications fund.

(c) All monies accruing to the historical bureau publications fund are hereby appropriated continuously for the purposes specified in this section.

(d) No portion of the fund shall revert to the general fund of the state at the end of a fiscal year; however, if the fund is abolished, its contents shall revert to the general fund of the state.

*As added by Acts 1981, P.L.40, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 4-23-7.2-8**

##### **Governors' portraits collection; care and maintenance budget**

Sec. 8. (a) The governors' portraits collection is placed in the custody of the Indiana historical bureau. The collection shall be

permanently displayed in public areas of the state house under the supervision of the historical bureau, which is charged with its care and maintenance.

(b) The director shall inspect each painting in the collection annually in the company of one (1) or more experts in the field of art conservation selected by the director.

(c) After the inauguration of each governor, the director, with the concurrence of the governor, shall select and commission an artist to paint the governor's portrait. The portrait must be hung in the permanent collection immediately following the completion and acceptance of the portrait by the director and the governor.

(d) The historical bureau shall include in its budget requests the amount it deems necessary to provide for the proper care, maintenance, and display of the governors' portraits collection, and the amount necessary to commission the painting of an oil portrait of each governor for the collection. The historical bureau may use appropriated funds or any other funds provided for these purposes.

(e) The director, in discharging the duties under this section, shall use the appropriate cultural and technical resources of the state, including the department of natural resources and the Indiana department of administration.

*As added by Acts 1981, P.L.40, SEC.8. Amended by P.L.31-1997, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 4-23-7.2-9**

##### **Portraits fund; establishment; use; deposits**

Sec. 9. (a) The governors' portraits fund is established as a dedicated fund to be administered by the historical bureau. The monies in the fund may be expended by the director of the historical bureau exclusively for the preservation and exhibition of the state-owned portraits of former governors of Indiana.

(b) The proceeds from the sale of items as directed by law or by the director of the historical bureau, from gifts of money or the proceeds from the sale of gifts donated to the fund, and from investment earnings from any portion of the fund, shall be deposited in the governors' portraits fund.

(c) All monies accruing to the governors' portraits fund are hereby appropriated continuously for the purposes specified in this section.

(d) No portion of the fund shall revert to the general fund of the state at the end of a fiscal year; however, if the fund is abolished, its contents shall revert to the general fund of the state.

*As added by Acts 1981, P.L.40, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 4-23-7.2-10**

##### **Commemorative medallions and other items; sale; proceeds**

Sec. 10. The historical bureau shall have custody of all unsold commemorative medallions and other items that were acquired for sale to the public by the Indiana historical commission, the Indiana sesquicentennial commission, or the Indiana American revolution bicentennial commission when that commission is abolished. These medallions and other commemorative items shall be offered for sale to

the public at a price determined by the director of the historical bureau. The proceeds from the sale of such items shall be deposited in the governors' portraits fund.

*As added by Acts 1981, P.L.40, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 4-23-7.2-11**

##### **Indiana historical marker program; advisory committee; state highways**

Sec. 11. (a) The historical bureau shall establish the Indiana historical marker program for marking historical sites in Indiana. As a part of this program, the historical bureau shall fix a state format for historical markers. No person may erect an historical marker in the state format without the approval of the historical bureau. All historical markers in the state format shall be provided by the historical bureau using appropriated funds, local matching funds, donations, grants, or any other funds provided for that purpose according to the guidelines and rules of the historical marker program.

(b) The board may appoint a historical marker advisory committee to serve without compensation. The committee may advise the board and the director concerning the following:

- (1) Guidelines and rules for the historical marker program.
- (2) Appropriate sites to be marked.
- (3) Other matters concerning the historical marker program as requested by the board or the director.

(c) Historical markers approved under this section become the property of the state. Maintenance of state historical markers is part of the historical marker program. The historical bureau may cooperate with individuals, local and state agencies, and private institutions and organizations for the maintenance of the historical markers. Funds made available to the historical marker program, as approved by the board, may be used for necessary maintenance.

(d) No historical marker may be erected on a highway of the state highway system without the approval of the historical bureau as to its historical accuracy. This provision is in addition to any other requirement of law.

*As added by Acts 1981, P.L.40, SEC.8. Amended by P.L.38-1989, SEC.1; P.L.31-1997, SEC.2.*

#### **IC 4-23-7.2-12**

##### **George Rogers Clark Day**

Sec. 12. The historical bureau shall celebrate the memory of George Rogers Clark in a manner fitting each occasion of George Rogers Clark Day, every twenty-fifth day of February, established by IC 1-1-13-1.

*As added by Acts 1981, P.L.40, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 4-23-7.2-13**

##### **Public officers; duty to supply requested information**

Sec. 13. Each state, county, township, city, town, judicial, or other public officer having in his charge or custody or capable of supplying, or required to collect and compile the information which may be required by the historical bureau shall supply such information

promptly at the request of the historical bureau, whether the request is oral or by letter or circular or by the filling out of blank forms provided for that purpose by the historical bureau.

*As added by Acts 1981, P.L.40, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 4-23-7.2-14**

##### **Rules; promulgation**

Sec. 14. The board may promulgate rules, under IC 4-22-2, to carry out the provisions and purpose of this chapter.

*As added by Acts 1981, P.L.40, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 4-23-7.2-15**

##### **Organization of bureau; supplemental duties**

Sec. 15. The historical bureau shall be organized in such manner as determined by the director with the approval of the board. The duties of the historical bureau established by law may be supplemented by the board according to its discretion.

*As added by Acts 1981, P.L.40, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 4-23-7.2-16**

##### **Director; appointment; qualifications; tenure**

Sec. 16. (a) The board shall appoint a director to be the chief administrative officer of the historical bureau.

(b) To qualify for the position of director, a person must:

- (1) be a graduate of a college or university of recognized standing;
- (2) have had special training in the nature, relative value and use of historical source material;
- (3) have had special training in the editing of historical publications; and
- (4) possess such other qualifications as the board, in its discretion, may deem necessary.

(c) The director may be removed by the board at any time for cause.

*As added by Acts 1981, P.L.40, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 4-23-7.2-17**

##### **Employees; appointment; qualifications; tenure; compensation; director; political activity prohibited**

Sec. 17. (a) All historical bureau employees, except the director, shall be selected by the director with the approval of the board and may be removed by the director for cause at any time with the approval of the board.

(b) Any or all of the historical bureau employees must have had such academic preparation and special training for the work which they are required to perform as may be prescribed in rules promulgated by the board.

(c) The board may provide that appointments may be made only after the applicant has successfully passed an examination given by the board or some person designated by the board.

(d) The state budget agency shall fix the compensation of the

director. The director shall fix the compensation of the employees of the historical bureau, with the approval of the board and the state budget agency.

(e) No employee of the historical bureau may directly or indirectly solicit subscription or contribution for any political party or political purpose, or be forced in any way to make such contribution, or be required to participate in any form of political activity.

(f) All historical bureau employees are under IC 4-15-2.

*As added by Acts 1981, P.L.40, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 4-23-7.2-18**

##### **Advisory committee; appointment**

Sec. 18. The board may appoint an advisory committee of not to exceed nine (9) members, who shall consult and advise with the director of the historical bureau concerning the publication of historical material, the promotion of the interest of the historical societies of Indiana, and in the conduct of the historical work of the state generally. The committee so appointed shall serve without compensation.

*As added by Acts 1981, P.L.40, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 4-23-7.2-19**

##### **Publications of select committee on centennial history of general assembly; deposit of proceeds**

Sec. 19. The proceeds from the sale of all publications of the select committee on the centennial history of the Indiana general assembly, alone or in cooperation with the Indiana historical bureau, shall be deposited in the historical bureau publications and educational fund.

*As added by P.L.37-1987, SEC.1.*